

TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD (TRAB) MEETING MINUTES

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center Conference Room 164, 909 W. 45th Street, Austin, Texas 78751 Friday, December 4, 2015 at 10:30 AM

1. Call to order

John Hageman, M.S. C.H.P., Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present at the meeting: Nora Janjan, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.S.A., Vice-Chair; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Ian Scott Hamilton, Ph.D.; Darshan Sachde; Bill Campbell; Kenneth Krieger, C.H.P.; Mitch Lucas, P.E.; Kevin Raabe; Judy Raab; and Mark Silberman, M.D.

Members not present: Robert Emery, DrPH; Amy Clark; Stephen Harris; John Johnson, D.V.M.; and Melanie Marshall, D.D.S.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Richard Ratliff, P.E.; Lisa Bruedigan; Jerry Cogburn; Ruben Cortez; Ray Fleming; Chuck Flynn; Robert Free; Joann Harthcock, Alyson Henry; Wendy Kaliszewski; Stacey McLarty, Shannon Quinn; Eric Skotak; Liz Speights; Jo Turkette; Karl Von Ahn; Helen Watkins and Peggy Westlund

2. Introduction of guests

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Charles Maguire, Bobby Janecka, and Dana Fine

Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas: Eddie Selig

Waste Control Specialist: Betsy Madru

Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDCC): Leigh Ing Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): Grant Chambless

3. Adoption of the minutes of the October 29, 2015 meeting

Dr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

Mr. Krieger discussed the committee meeting.

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Metter discussed the committee meeting.

C. Topic Research Committee

Dr. Hamilton discussed the committee meeting.

5. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)

Mr. Chambless discussed the report

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Mr. Maguire discussed the report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Mr. Ratliff discussed the report.

D. Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDCC)

Ms. Ing had no update at this time.

E. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Ms. Walker was not present at the meeting.

6. Routine and Continuing Business:

A. Resolution for Dr. Nichols for his service on the Board

Mr. Hageman read the resolution for Dr. Nichol's service to TRAB.

B. Update on activities of Radiological Response Volunteer Corps., sponsored by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors

https://www.crcpd.org/RRVC/rrvc/rfp/aspx

El Paso, Texas received a grant from CRCPD to create a volunteer corps. Approximately 30 people are being trained to use monitoring equipment. Future updates will be included in the DSHS program report.

8. New Business

A. National Electron Beam Research Center at Texas A&M

Dr. Suresh Pillai presented a slideshow demonstrating the electron beam research at Texas A&M. The National Center for Electron Beam Research (NCEBR) is the leading academic and research organization in the world that is focused on the research, development, and commercialization of Electron Beam and X-ray technologies.

9. Public Comments

None

10. Identification of Agenda Items and/or topics for next or future TRAB or TRAB Committee Meetings

None

11. Adjourn

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.